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Title: Project Workflow System

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Claims 41-60 are pending

Claims 41-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Berg et al
(U.S. Patent 5,999,911)

Examiner Graysay,

The inventor appreciates the thorough investigation and comments by the examiner.

Discussion of the Claims

Berg does not disclose a project management system but rather a prior art workflow system. In Berg Column 22 lines 55-59, "When these or other types of constraints are specified, the workflow manager can generate 'actual vs. baseline data', and this data can be exported to project management programs such as Microsoft Project, MacProject, and AutoPlan II.", describes use of an external project management system. Hence, the project management functions are not in the system disclosed by Berg.

A project management system provides functions to enter and edit tasks and task connections, track completed and partially completed tasks, determine the critical path, the sequence of connected of tasks such that all tasks are completed in minimum time, and calculate the time to complete the critical path, the time to complete the project. One of the powerful capabilities of the project management system is "re-planning", changing the tasks and connection of tasks to accommodate for actual task execution